

REMARKS**I. General**

Applicant respectfully requests that the present Amendment be entered prior to examination of the identified patent application on the merits. The present Amendment provides amendments to the specification, claims, and drawings to correct informalities discovered therein. Additionally, the present Amendment submits new claims 32-52 for consideration by the Examiner, thereby resulting in claims 1-52 pending in the application after entry of the present Amendment.

II. Amendments to the Specification

The specification has been amended to correct informalities discovered therein. No new matter has been added by the amendments to the specification.

Specifically, the paragraph appearing at page 5, line 28, through page 6, line 5, has been amended to correct an informality wherein the word “gatekeeper” appeared instead of the word “gateway.” The remainder of the specification makes clear that a VoIP gateway is discussed rather than a VoIP gatekeeper. Accordingly, Applicant asserts that the amendment does not introduce new matter.

The paragraph appearing at page 7, lines 1-6, has been amended to correct an informality in which a portion of the first sentence thereof was omitted. The amendment inserts an introductory description of Figure 6B and labels for functional blocks added in Figure 6B as compared to Figure 6A, as was clearly the subject of the sentence from that portion of the sentence appearing in the application as filed. Applicant asserts that the amendment does not introduce new matter as the subject matter of the introductory description of Figure 6B appears in the “Short Description of the Drawings” as submitted, and the functional block labels added are clearly present in Figure 6B.

III. Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1, 5, 13, 16, and 19 have been amended to correct informalities, such as spelling errors and the omission of the conjunctive “and” between claim elements. Claims 1, 12, and 26 have been amended to delete recitation of “at said site” in order to avoid possible ambiguity with respect to whether the claims required the recited programmable computer or

programmable means to be at said site (as opposed to the telephones being at the site). No new matter has been added by these claim amendments.

IV. The New Claims

New claims 32-52 have been added by the present Amendment. Support the new claims can be found in the application as filed, *inter alia*, at page 3, line 27, through page 5, line 22, and page 6, lines 6-26. Accordingly, the submission of the new claims does not introduce new matter.

V. Amendments to the Drawings

Applicant has submitted formal drawings to replace the informal drawings originally submitted with the application. The formal drawings submitted herewith include an amendment wherein reference numeral 48 has been added to Figure 3 to correspond with the description thereof appearing at page 5, lines 26-27. No new matter has been added.

VI. Summary

Each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2380, under Order No. 63134/P026US/10400589 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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FIG. 3
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